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SUBJ: "PACKED PROGRAM" FOR ZIA IN TEHRAN

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION, DACCA NEWSPAPERS TODAY (MAY 20) ARE PLAYING UP GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN'S VISIT TO TEHRAN MUCH AS AMBASSADOR DOHA WOULD HAVE IT (REFTEL). LOCAL WIRE SERVICE STORY DATED TEHRAN MAY 19 REPORTS THAT GENERAL ZIA WOULD BE VISITING AS THE RESULT OF AN "ON-THE-SPOT INVITATION" EXTENDED TO HIM BY PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA WHILE ZIA WAS IN ISTANBUL. "DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER AND TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE VISITING TEHRAN," THE ARTICLE ASSERTS, "PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA HAS ARRANGED A PACKED PROGRAM FOR GENERAL ZIA ON MAY 20." ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, GENERAL ZIA (A) IS BEING RECEIVED BY THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MUSLIM CHIEFS OF MISSION IN TEHRAN; (B) WILL HOLD "SUBSTANTIAL TALKS" WITH PRINCESS ASHRAF PAHLAVI AND PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA; (C) WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY "EMINENT JOURNALIST" AMIR TAHERI OF KAYHAN; (D) WILL ATTEND A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE MINISTER OF ENERGY; AND (E) WILL BE GUEST OF HONOR AT A "BIG RECEPTION" GIVEN BY THE BANGLADESHI AMBASSADOR. MOREOVER, "SEVERAL AMBASSADORS AND PROMINENT IRANIAN CITIZENS" ARE SCHEDULED TO CALL ON GENERAL ZIA AND HE WILL ALSO VIEW A TV FILM

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ON BANGLADESH PREPARED RECENTLY BY NIRT.V. FOREIGN

SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN WHO IS ACCOMPANYING ZIA
REPORTEDLY WILL MEET HIS COUNTERPART AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY.
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